

## The Pope's Prayer Intention for January: For Educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.



### The Catenian Association - Exeter Circle

*Strengthening family life through friendship and faith*

**'Practicing Catholic between your 16th and 25th birthday?'**

**Thinking of helping on a Lourdes Pilgrimage or similar project?**

The Catenian Association Bursary Fund may be able to help you financially. The Catenians are an organisation of Catholics founded to promote friendship and support, and to strengthen Catholic family life. It is a lay organisation and strictly non-political. For further details, speak to David Gale (07977 411121) or Bob Bannister.

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## The Parish of the Most Holy Trinity

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## Sunday 22 January 2023

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

*The Lord is my light and my help..*

### Mass Readings:

First Reading: Isaiah: 8:23-9:3

Second Reading: Corinthians 1:10-13,17

Responsorial Psalm: 26

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

	Mass times	Mass intentions
<b>Sun 22 Jan</b> <i>Sunday of the Word of God</i>	Axminster 9am Lyme Regis 11am	Private int. Thanksgiving FM John Carey RIP
<b>Tues 24 Jan</b> <i>St Francis de Sales Bp Dr</i>	Axminster 7pm	Beata Kmieciewska In thanksgiving
<b>Wed 25 Jan</b> <i>Conversion of St Paul</i>	Seaton 10am Eucharistic Adoration until 11.30am	Gertrude Croarken RIP
<b>Thu 26 Jan</b> St Timothy BP and St Titus Bp	Lyme Regis 10am Eucharistic Adoration until 11.30am	FM Monica Lean RIP
<b>Fri 27 Jan</b>	Axminster 10am	Nell Letten and family int's
<b>Sat 28 Jan</b> <i>1st Mass of 4th Sunday in OT</i>	Seaton 5.30pm	For the Parish
<b>Sun 29 Jan</b> <i>4th Sunday of OT</i>	Axminster 9am Lyme Regis 11am	Vicky and Anthony Norman int's FM Thomas & Margaret Ellis RIP and deceased relatives and friends
<b>Confessions:</b> Saturday - Axminster from 10:45 - 12:00 Weekdays - during Eucharistic Adoration as above, otherwise by arrangement.		



**Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bill Hampson who died on 9 January.** The funeral will take place on Wednesday 1 February Seaton, 10am at St Augustine, followed by refreshments in the parish room. Please also pray for Bill's wife Margaret at this very difficult time.

**Let us keep in our prayers those who are sick and housebound in our parish** including Matthew Waters, Liz Berry, Pippa Brough and Chris Reynard.

**The next 60 Club draw will be taking place next Sunday 29 January after Mass at Lyme Regis.**

**60 Club**



### **Parish Quiz night - Friday 10 February 2023**

We will be holding a quiz evening at 7pm on Friday 10 February, at St Mary's School, Axminster.

Come and join us for a fun evening with friends - test your knowledge, form a team and win prizes!

Fr Jacek will be Quiz Master.

**Tickets are £10 each, available to buy at the back of the church.**

**Tickets include wine, soft drinks and nibbles.**

**Please support us if you can!**

### **Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion**

This year's programme starts this Sunday 22nd January at 10.00 am ish (maximum 30 minutes). The next preparation session after that is on 5 February and includes a short liturgy of commitment for Parents of the children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Communion.

### **Synodality Series**

By popular demand, the diocese is offering 2 further talks by Dr Caroline Farey on vital aspects of synodality. Come and discuss in person or join the day online via zoom. St Peter's Catholic Church, Crownhill, Plymouth.

Mass at 9:30am, refreshments 10.30am, 12.15pm lunch break (bring your own lunch).

To request a zoom link, email [carolinefarey@btinternet.com](mailto:carolinefarey@btinternet.com)

#### **Saturday 11th February 2023**

11.00am: Sharing the priesthood of Christ.

1.15pm: Should women share in the hierarchy?

**LOUDfence in the Diocese of Plymouth 15th–17th February.** A LOUDfence is a visible display of support and solidarity with those who have been affected by abuse. Attendees are encouraged to tie ribbons around a fence which could also include a message of support. We want survivors to know that we hear you, we believe you and that we are here to support you. We hope that you can join us. More details will follow soon.



### **Thank you from Bp. Christopher**

Thank you to all who came to join me in celebrating Mass on Sunday 15 January at Lyme Regis, for the party afterwards and the gift of flowers, book token and your personal greetings. A very big thank you also to those who prepared the delicious buffet and cake. It was a lovely way to celebrate my 37th anniversary of Episcopal Ordination with my Church family.

*Bp Christopher*

### **Reflection to coincide with 'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity'**

#### **18 -25 January**

By an utterly free and mysterious decree of his own wisdom and goodness, the eternal Father created the whole world. His plan was to dignify men with a participation in his own divine life. When in Adam men had fallen, he did not abandon them, but ceaselessly offered them help to salvation, in anticipation of Christ the Redeemer, 'who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature'. All the elect, before time began, the Father 'foreknew and predestined to become conformed to the image of his Son, that he should be the firstborn among many brethren'.

All those who would believe in Christ he planned to assemble in the holy Church, which was already foreshadowed from the beginning of the world. In a remarkable way the Church was prepared for throughout the history of the people of Israel and by means of the Old Covenant. Established in the present era of time, she was made manifest by the outpouring of the Spirit. At the end of time she will achieve her glorious fulfilment. Then, as may be read in the holy Fathers, all just men from the time of Adam, 'from Abel, the just one, to the last of the elect', will be gathered together with the Father in the universal Church.

Finally, those who have not yet received the gospel are related in various ways to the People of God.

In the first place there is that people to whom the covenants and promises were made and from whom Christ was born according to the flesh. On account of their fathers, this people remains most dear to God, for God does not repent of the gifts he makes nor of the calls he issues.

But the plan of salvation also includes those who acknowledge the creator. In the first place among these there are the Moslems; they profess to hold the faith of Abraham, and along with us adore the one and merciful God, who will judge mankind on the last day.

Nor is God himself far distant from those who in shadows and images seek the unknown God, for it is he who gives to all men life and breath and every other gift, and who as Saviour wills that all men be saved.

Those also can attain to everlasting salvation who through no fault of their own do not know the gospel of Christ or his Church, yet sincerely seek God and, moved by grace, strive by their deeds to do his will as it is known to them through the dictates of conscience. Nor does divine Providence deny the help necessary for salvation to those who, without blame on their part, have not yet arrived at an explicit knowledge of God but who strive, aided by his grace, to live a good life. Whatever goodness or truth is found amongst them, is looked upon by the Church as a preparation for the gospel, and as given by him who enlightens all men that they may finally have life. *From "Lumen gentium", the Second Vatican Council's dogmatic constitution on the Church*